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NATIONAL BROILER MARKET AT-A-GLANCE

Majority prices were one cent higher in the West, unchanged elsewhere. Trade sentiment on whole broiler/fryers was fully steady to firm in the West, steady to fully steady in most other areas. Demand was fair to good, best into fast food channels. Shipping problems continued to restrict some distribution of product in the Northeast. Supplies were generally sufficient for trade needs. In the parts structure, breast items cleared well. All other items were about adequate to at least adequate. In production areas, live supplies were mostly moderate. Weights were in a full range of light to heavy, mostly desirable.

Final report of prices negotiated for trucklot sales of ready-to-cook broiler/fryers delivered to first receivers at major market areas week of 5/22-05/27/00 (cents per lb)

AREAS	US GRADE A (Includes branded product)			COMPOSITE	
	MAJORITY	WTD AVG	LOADS	WTD AVG	LOADS
Bos/New Eng	55.00-56.00	55.38	17	61.28	36
Chicago	42.00-46.00	46.31	50	48.89	85
Cincinnati	TFEWR	—	—	55.62	30
Cleveland	TFEWR	—	—	57.92	13
Denver	62.50	62.41	17	61.19	36
Detroit	43.00-44.00	45.45	22	51.06	56
Los Angeles	63.00	62.29	56	61.09	112
New York	53.00-56.00	53.93	27	55.77	64
Philadelphia	45.00-55.00	50.83	12	50.47	29
Pittsburgh	44.50-56.00	50.82	11	52.99	63
St. Louis	46.25-46.50	45.46	21	49.24	45
San Francisco	63.50	63.28	25	63.92	82

Composite 12 City Weighted Average

Loads	05/22/00	Change/Last Wk	05/15/00	05/24/99
651	55.62	-0.41	56.03	59.81

WOG BROILERS (without giblets) - prices paid per lb delvd to first receivers in trucklot and less than trucklot quantities.

REGIONS	MAJORITY	WTD AVG	LOADS
East	49.00-60.00	53.97	49
Central	48.00-53.00	52.12	61
West	50.00-68.00	58.93	49

Southeast Area FOB Dock Equivalent

Mississippi	57.00-59.00	57.73	81
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GEORGIA F.O.B. DOCK PRICES

Georgia f.o.b. dock quoted price on broilers/fryers for this week's trading is 57.75 cents based on ice-packed USDA grade "A" sized 2 1/2 to 3 pound birds.

LOADS	RANGE	MONDAY FINAL WTD AVG FOB DOCK OR EQUIVALENT
1,217	42.00-59.75	56.60

The Georgia f.o.b. dock confirmed final weighted average prices on ice pack parts:

ITEM	WTD AVG (CENTS PER POUND)	VOLUME (000 POUNDS)
BREASTS - B/S	143.00	4,149
BREASTS - WHOLE	72.50	2,105
THIGH MEAT - B/S	94.00	626
LEG QUARTERS	19.00	8,910
WINGS	51.00	3,058

THIS INFORMATION IS SUPPLIED BY THE GEORGIA DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE'S POULTRY MARKET NEWS SERVICE.

NORTHEAST REGION BROILER/FRYER Trucklot buying activity on ready-to-cook whole broiler/fryers was mostly good beginning the week. Offerings varied in size and availability, but were generally sufficient for immediate needs. Movement into retail and distributive outlets was moderate to good. The market tone was steady to fully steady. In the parts market, bone-in breasts were usually short. Boneless, skinless breasts were short to adequate and the balance was adequate.

SOUTHERN REGION BROILER/FRYERS Trade sentiment was steady to fully steady. Demand was moderate to good. Supplies were light to adequate for current trade requirements. In the parts structure, breast items were clearing satisfactorily, particularly bone-in. Other items were at least sufficient. In production areas, live supplies were moderate. Weights were in a full range of light to heavy, but were mostly desirable.

WESTERN REGION BROILER/FRYERS Final majority prices were 1 cent higher than last week. The market tone was fully steady. Offerings adequate. Buying activity improved, best to cover anticipated increased Memorial Day needs. Retail demand moderate, fairly good where features planned. Dealers reported moderate weekend carryovers. Reported parts trading for delivery into California: leg quarters bulk 20.25-23 and 4/10s 23.25-25, bone-in breasts 65-78 and boneless 140-145, wings 49-60. The Los Angeles negotiated WOG average was up 1.42 to 50.58 with the volume reported down 4 percent at 24 loads.

MIDWEST REGION BROILER/FRYERS Final majority prices for this week's deliveries unchanged to slightly higher into St. Louis, TFEWR in Ohio and unchanged elsewhere from last Monday's final. Whole fryer trade sentiment steady. Offerings adequate or available for limited trade needs. Movement into retail channels fair to fairly good, best for features. Food service demand moderate to good. Floor stocks well cleared to ample, sizes mostly desirable. Parts trading moderate to active on breast items and leg quarters, balance of trading light to moderate. Supplies barely adequate to fully adequate. Trade sentiment fully steady to firm on breast items, steady on the remainder.

DELMARVA BROILER/FRYERS Movement of ready-to-cook whole birds was fair to good following the weekend. Offerings varied, but were fully sufficient overall. Internal administrative problems continued to restrict some distribution out of the area. Live supplies were mostly moderate; weights were light to heavy mostly desirable to heavy. Processing schedules were moderately heavy. Less than trucklot asking prices were unchanged at 56 to 68 cents. Trade sentiment was steady to fully steady. In the parts complex, most items were noted as adequate, well cleared or in a manageable position.

*BROILER/FRYER CURRENT NEGOTIATED PRICES FOR IMMEDIATE DELIVERY INCLUDES MOSTLY MULTIPLE-DROP SHIPMENTS OF BRANDED AND WING TAGGED TO NEW YORK CITY FROM DELMARVA

BRANDED U.S. GRADE A	
RANGE	50-66
WEIGHTED AVERAGE	59.44
NO. OF BOXES	10,542

*6 of 8 plants reporting.

NORTHEAST BROILER/FRYER PARTS Trucklot buying activity was good for the weekend and moderate to good as the week began. Many buyers, however, chose to wait for further market developments before making purchases. Offerings ranged tight to adequate with bone-in breasts continuing in the shortest position. Retail and distributive movement was fair to usually good and was expected to remain so - for the Memorial Day holiday. The market tone was steady to fully steady.

PRICES PAID PER POUND, ICE PACKED AND CO2 PACKED BROILER/FRYER PARTS, DELIVERED TO FIRST RECEIVERS IN POOL TRUCKLOT AND TRUCKLOT QUANTITIES.

ITEM	CURRENT NEG TRADING*	WTD AVG**	VOL/LBS
BREAST - B/S	145	145.71	536,760
TENDERLOINS	140	147.91	90,000
BREAST - WITH RIBS	70-71	76.36	249,120
BREAST - LINE RUN	70	76.22	81,000
LEGS	31-32	34.89	239,120
LEG QUARTERS (BULK)	21-22	21.72	439,747
DRUMSTICKS	35-36	35.87	128,520
THIGHS	28-29	36.18	82,040
B/S THIGHS	86-87	92.36	44,800
WINGS (WHOLE)	50-51	58.98	234,240
BACKS AND NECKS (STRIPPED)	10-12	12.09	69,800
LIVERS (5 POUND TUBS)	30-35	34.95	63,320
GIZZARDS (HEARTS)	40-45	44.61	96,960

INCLUDES NEW YORK CITY METROPOLITAN AREA, NORTHERN NEW JERSEY, MASSACHUSETTS, CONNECTICUT, RHODE ISLAND, AND PENNSYLVANIA (NORTHEAST OF HARRISBURG).

* TODAY'S NEGOTIATED SALES AS OF 11:30 A.M.

** WEIGHTED AVERAGE PRICE OF ALL GRADES AND BRANDS OF PRODUCT SHIPPED, OR TO BE SHIPPED AS OF 1:30 P.M.

ARKANSAS BROILER/FRYER PARTS

F.O.B. DOCK OR EQUIVALENT, ICED OR CO2 PACKED, PRICES SHOWN ARE DAY OF SHIPMENT (INCLUDES CURRENT AND PRIOR NEGOTIATIONS), TRUCKLOT AND LESS THAN TRUCKLOT VOLUME, CENTS PER POUND.

ITEM	LBS (000)	RANGE	MAJORITY	WTD AVG
BREAST - B/S	1,118	128.00-145.00	130-140	133.64
TENDERLOINS	110	155.00-187.00	-	173.87
BREAST - WITH RIBS	214	76.00-84.00	76-79	76.99
FRONT HALVES	400	49.00-55.00	50-51	50.10
LEGS	NO TRADING REPORTED			
LEG QUARTERS (BULK)	376	16.00-18.00	16-17	16.77
LEG QUARTERS (4/10)	3,276	18.00-20.00	19-20	19.06
WINGS (WHOLE)	233	37.00-43.00	38-41	39.90
DRUMSTICKS	NO TRADING REPORTED			
THIGHS	921	26.00-39.00	27-28	27.71

ESTIMATED SLAUGHTER OF BROILER-FRYERS (IN THOUSANDS)

	ESTIMATE	ACTUAL	AVG WTS	ACTUAL	AVG WTS
	05/22	05/18	05/18	05/15	05/11
ALA	3,943	3,857	4.98	3,812	4.95
ARK	5,011	5,233	4.74	4,716	4.65
DELMARVA	2,400	2,395	5.02	2,300	5.07
KY-LA-TN	2,074	2,046	4.37	2,125	4.30
MISS	2,749	2,749	5.02	2,729	4.94
NC	2,606	2,557	5.72	2,542	5.74
TEXAS	2,323	2,326	4.78	2,291	4.77
TOTAL	21,106	21,163	4.94	20,515	4.91
MON	21,106(A)			20,515(A)	

(A) Weekly cumulative for states listed above.

Broiler-fryer slaughter under federal inspection for 22-May 2000

is estimated to be 31,577,000 up 2.57 percent from a week ago

and up 0.37 percent from a year ago.

(Last week 30,785,000, last year 31,460,000)

SOUTHERN STATES BROILER/FRYER PARTS F.O.B. DOCK OR EQUIVALENT, ICED OR CO2 PACKED, PRICES SHOWN ARE DAY OF SHIPMENT (INCLUDES CURRENT AND PRIOR NEGOTIATIONS), TRUCKLOT AND LESS THAN TRUCKLOT VOLUME, CENTS PER POUND. POUNDS				
ITEM	(000)	RANGE	MAJORITY	WTD AVG
BREAST - B/S	595	135.00-178.00	135-145	143.36
TENDERLOINS	252	145.00-210.00	145-150	170.52
BREAST - LINE RUN	170	74.00-77.50	75-76	75.54
FRONT HALVES	TOO FEW TO REPORT			
LEGS	48	27.00-34.00	27-28	28.17
LEG QUARTERS (BULK)	699	15.00-19.00	16-18	16.94
LEG QUARTERS (4/10)	1,938	19.00-21.00	19-20	19.65
WINGS (WHOLE)	108	45.00-52.00	46-48	48.13
WINGS (CUT)	482	52.00-72.00	55-56	55.50
DRUMSTICKS	TOO FEW TO REPORT			
THIGHS	TOO FEW TO REPORT			
B/S THIGHS	TOO FEW TO REPORT			

WHOLE BODY INDEX BASED ON SOUTHERN STATES PARTS
TRADING FOR MAY 22, 2000 — F.O.B. DOCK.

	TODAY'S RANGE	5-DAY AVERAGE
	32.00 - 35.50	33.72

The Index is intended solely as an indicator of values for commodity-type product and does not represent industry's willingness to sell or ability to buy.

MIDWEST REGION PARTS PRICES PER LB., ICE-PACKED POOL TRUCKLOT AND TRUCKLOT QUANTITIES DELIVERED TO IL, IN, IA, KS, MI, MN, MO, NE, ND, OH, SD, AND WI WEEK OF 05/22-05/26/00

	Price Per Lb.	Mostly
BREAST - B/S	133.00 - 175.00	140.00 - 145.00
BREAST - LINE RUN	61.00 - 82.00	71.00 - 74.00
LEGS	29.00 - 40.00	-
LEG QUARTERS (BULK)	16.00 - 22.00	17.00 - 19.00
DRUMSTICKS	21.00 - 45.00	-
THIGHS	28.00 - 36.00	-
WINGS (WHOLE)	41.00 - 47.00	41.00 - 43.00
BACKS AND NECKS (STRIPPED)	15.00 - 20.00	-
LIVERS (5 POUND TUBS)	25.00 - 38.00	-
GIZZARDS (HEARTS)	35.00 - 48.00	-

SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA (L.A. AREA) PROCESSED POULTRY, DELIVERED TO RESTAURANTS AND INSTITUTIONS

	RANGE
WOGS 2# & UP - WHOLE	75-89
WOGS 2# & UP - CUT UP 8&9 PIECES	78-95
FROZEN HENS 5# & UP	79-84
FROZEN DUCKS	135
FROZEN SQUABS	589

DELIVERED TO RETAILERS IN SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA (L.A. AREA)

FRESH FRYERS	77-81
ROASTERS 4# & UP	75-90
HENS UNDER 5#	
HENS OVER 5#	74-79
DUCKS	125
RABBITS-WHOLE	299
RABBITS-CUT UP	309

SAN FRANCISCO PROCESSED POULTRY

DELIVERED TO RESTAURANTS AND INSTITUTIONS

	RANGE
FRESH FRYERS	102-104
ROASTERS 4# & UP	107-111
HENS OVER 5#	98
DUCKS	152-166

EASTERN REGION PRICES NEGOTIATED FOR MECHANICALLY SEPARATED CHICKEN IN TRUCKLOT AND LESS THAN TRUCKLOT VOLUMES, CENTS PER POUND FOR DELIVERY WITHIN TWO WEEKS. 19-MAY-00

CHICKEN PRICES

FAT CONTENT	-----FROZEN-----		-----FRESH-----	
	FOB DOCK	DELIVERED	FOB DOCK	DELIVERED
15% OR LESS				
RANGE	17.00	-	16.00	-
WTD AVERAGE	17.00		16.00	

584,000 pounds, this includes 104,000 pounds for export shipment.

CHICKEN PRICES, WITH ADDED SKIN

FAT CONTENT	-----FROZEN-----		-----FRESH-----	
	FOB DOCK	DELIVERED	FOB DOCK	DELIVERED
15% OR LESS				
RANGE	14.00-15.00	15.00	-	15.00-16.00
WTD AVERAGE	14.71	15.00		15.17

560,000 pounds, this includes 0 pounds for export shipment.

FAT CONTENT	-----FROZEN-----		-----FRESH-----	
	FOB DOCK	DELIVERED	FOB DOCK	DELIVERED
15-20%				
RANGE	12.71-13.00	12.50	10.25-12.00	12.00-14.00
WTD AVERAGE	12.79	12.50	11.16	13.28

1,560,000 pounds, this includes 216,000 pounds for export shipment.

FAT CONTENT	-----FROZEN-----		-----FRESH-----	
	FOB DOCK	DELIVERED	FOB DOCK	DELIVERED
20% OR MORE				
RANGE	-	-	-	12.50
WTD AVERAGE				12.50

320,000 pounds, this includes 0 pounds for export shipment.

* INCLUDES THE FOLLOWING STATES: CT, DE, FL, GA, MA, MD, ME, NC, NH, NJ, NY, PA, RI, SC, VA, VT, WV

SOUTH CENTRAL HEAVY LIVE HEN Prices were lower compared to the past week. Demand was light for fully adequate offerings of spent hens. Finished sales were sluggish with pricing lower. Schedules were short of capacity, reduced mainly to offset slow demand. Trade sentiment was weak.

HEAVY TYPE HENS (7 POUNDS AND UP) *
FINAL PRICE, CENTS PER LB., GENERALLY FOR SLAUGHTER THE WEEK OF 22-MAY-00

	RANGE	MAJORITY	WTD AVG
AT FARM BUYER LOADING	7-16	9-11	10.20

* WEIGHTS UNDER 7 LBS. SUBJECT TO DISCOUNT.

CENTRAL REGION PRICES NEGOTIATED FOR MECHANICALLY SEPARATED CHICKEN IN TRUCKLOT AND LESS THAN TRUCKLOT VOLUMES, CENTS PER POUND FOR DELIVERY WITHIN TWO WEEKS. 19-MAY-00

CHICKEN PRICES

FAT CONTENT	-----FROZEN-----		-----FRESH-----	
	FOB DOCK	DELIVERED	FOB DOCK	DELIVERED
15% OR LESS				
RANGE	-	-	-	-
WTD AVERAGE				

0 pounds, this includes 0 pounds for export shipment.

CHICKEN PRICES, WITH ADDED SKIN

FAT CONTENT	-----FROZEN-----		-----FRESH-----	
	FOB DOCK	DELIVERED	FOB DOCK	DELIVERED
15% OR LESS				
RANGE	-	23.00	12.25-13.00	-
WTD AVERAGE		23.00	12.46	

211,600 pounds, this includes 0 pounds for export shipment.

FAT CONTENT	-----FROZEN-----		-----FRESH-----	
	FOB DOCK	DELIVERED	FOB DOCK	DELIVERED
15-20%				
RANGE	10.75	-	9.50-12.50	12.00-14.00
WTD AVERAGE	10.75		11.00	13.13

2,116,800 pounds, this includes 408,000 pounds for export shipment.

FAT CONTENT	-----FROZEN-----		-----FRESH-----	
	FOB DOCK	DELIVERED	FOB DOCK	DELIVERED
20% OR MORE				
RANGE	-	-	-	-
WTD AVERAGE				

0 pounds, this includes 0 pounds for export shipment.

* INCLUDES THE FOLLOWING STATES: AL, AR, IA, IL, IN, KS, KY, LA, MI, MN, MO, MS, ND, NE, OK, OH, SD, TN, TX, WI

SOUTHEAST HEAVY LIVE HEN Majority prices were unchanged to lower than a week earlier. Offerings were fully adequate to instances ample for the generally light and unaggressive buyer interest. Processing schedules were normal to heavy. Cannerys were usually available. The market tone was barely steady to weak.

HEAVY TYPE HENS (7 POUNDS AND UP) *
FINAL PRICE, CENTS PER LB., GENERALLY FOR SLAUGHTER THE WEEK OF 22-MAY-00

	RANGE	MAJORITY	WTD AVG
AT FARM BUYER LOADING	5.5-15	7-9	8.48

AT FARM PRODUCER LOADING TOO FEW TO REPORT
FOB PLANT TOO FEW TO REPORT

* WEIGHTS UNDER 7 LBS. SUBJECT TO DISCOUNT.

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